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SUBJ: RABIN ON HEBRON, KIRYAT ARBA, AND JEWISH SETTLEMENT IN THE
OCCUPIED TERRITORIES

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1. IN HIS OCT 8 HAARETZ INTERVIEW (REFTEL), PRIME MINISTER
RABIN SAID THAT ATTEMPTS TO ESTABLISH NEW JEWISH SETTLEMENTS IN
DENSELY POPULATED AREAS OF JUDEA AND SAMARIA MUST BE ABSTAINED
FROM, AT LEAST AT THE PRESENT STAGE.

2. REGARDING JEWISH SETTLEMENT IN HEBRON, RABIN SAID, QUOTE
THE PURPOSE OF (PREVIOUS) GOVERNMENTS WAS, AT THE TIME, TO
ESTABLISH A JEWISH SETTLEMENT AT KIRYAT ARBA, WHICH WOULD
EXIST NEXT TO THE ARAB TOWN OF HEBRON. I AM NOT AWARE OF ANY
INTENTION OR RESOLUTION TO TURN HEBRON INTO A MIXED TOWN.
THE PRINCIPLE APPLYING TO KIRYAT ARBA IS THE SAME AS THAT
ADHERED TO WITHIN THE STATE OF ISRAEL FOLLOWING THE WAR OF
INDEPENDENCE, WHEN IT WAS DECIDED TO ESTABLISH A JEWISH
SETTLEMENT AT UPPER NAZARETH, NEXT TO A LARGE ARAB TOWN.

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ANY ATTEMPT TO CHANGE THIS POLICY WITH REGARD TO SETTLEMENT AND

POPULATION WOULD BE A MISTAKE. THERE IS NOTHING IN THIS
PRINCIPLE TO CONFLICT WITH ANY ASPECT OF RELIGIOUS WORSHIP.
END QUOTE.

3. COMMENT: IN HIS REMARKS ON SETTLEMENT, RABIN EXPLICITLY
REJECTS THE SETTLEMENT GOALS OF GUSH EMUNIM, WHO DEMAND
SETTLEMENT IN ALL OF THE OCCUPIED TERRITORIES, ESPECIALLY
IN ABAB POPULATED SAMARIA. HE ALSO REJECTS DEMANDS FOR JEWISH
SETTLEMENT IN NEBRON ITSELF, BUT, IN THE LAST SENTENCE
QUOTED, SEEMS TO LEAVE THE WAY OPEN FOR JEWISH PRAYER IN
HEBRON, I.E. , AT THE AVRAHAM AVINU SYNAGOGUE, ONCE IT IS
RESTORED.
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